
Wrestling

1961 - 1962



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PRESS and RADIO INFORMATION

BLOOMSBURG STATE COLLEGE

Bloomsburg

Pennsylvania

GENERAL INFORMATION



Dr. Harvey A. Andruss
President, Bloomsburg State College

Russell Houk, Lock Haven S.C., '52
Athletic Director and
Varsity Wrestling Coach

Michael Flanagan, Lock Haven S.C., '48
Assistant Wrestling Coach

Boyd F. Buckingham, Bloomsburg S.C., '43
Director of Public Relations

Joseph Jennings, Bloomsburg S.C., '62
Student Statistician

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Member NCAA, PSCAC, NAIA
Colors Maroon and Gold
Team Name Huskies
Home Court Centennial Gymnasium
Capacity 1,000
Press Table ... Accomodations for 12 persons
Radio Facilities are available.
Telephone, Sports Publicity 784-4660 Ext. 18

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Denomination Non-Denominational
Conducted by ... Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Year Founded 1839
Enrollment 1935

WRESTLING OUTLOOK 1961-62

For the second consecutive year, Bloomsburg State College will pin its hopes on a relatively young squad of mat candidates.

In spite of its youth and obvious lack of experience in varsity competition, last year's squad had a dual meet record of 11-1, took second place in the Pennsylvania State College Conference, and fifth place in the NAIA Tourney in Colorado.

No varsity lettermen were lost through graduation last May, and there are only two seniors—Tom Gorant and Jerry Wright—on this year's roster. Due to practice teaching assignments, neither man will be available for the first two matches, against C. W. Post and Winona.

About 40 men reported to Coach Russ Houk in mid-October; after six weeks of intensive practice, the squad was cut to 30, and Houk described the outlook as "promising".

The most outstanding group on the squad is composed of juniors, headed by Gene Dixon (157 lb. NAIA champ) and Bill Garson (191 lb. NAIA champ); Bill Hughes, 123 pounder, is back after recovering from a dislocated elbow last year, and Don Poust looks like a sure starter at 177 lbs.

Dick Scorese (137 pound runner-up in the PSCAC) and Dave Stuempfle (157 lb. letterman) top a list of ten sophomore hopefuls.

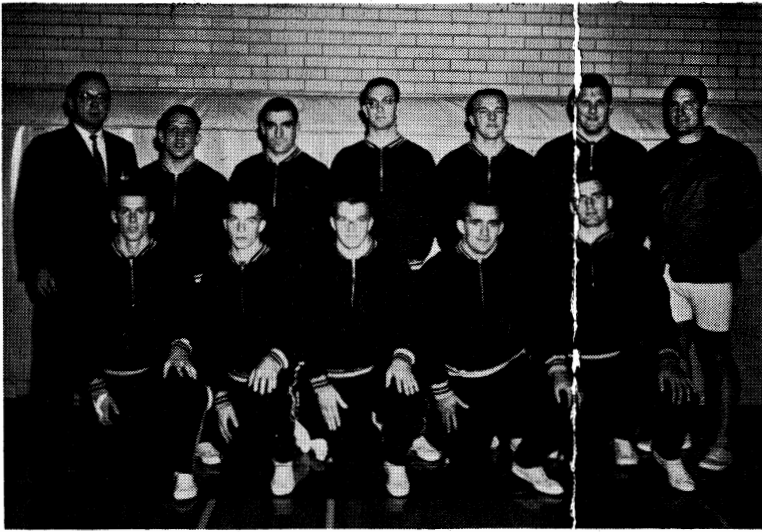
Coach Houk has been particularly pleased with the showing of two of his ten freshmen—Ed Taylor and Charles Houk—who will probably get the starting nod in the 130 and 147 pound divisions.

In pre-season scrimmages, the team picked up valuable experience against Lehigh University and the U. S. Naval Academy. Both are tops in the East and are among the best in the nation.

One thing is certain—the schedule of 10 dual meets will present plenty of challenge to the Huskies. Outstanding among their opponents are Lock Haven S.C., Winona S.C. (Minnesota), Waynesburg College, Rochester Institute of Technology, Appalachian State College (S. Carolina), and West Chester State College. The Huskies defeated Winona 15-13 in a dual meet last year, but the latter went on to cap third place in the NAIA post-season championship meet.

WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Dec. 9—C. W. Post College, N.Y.	A
Dec. 12—Winona S.C., Minn.	H
Dec. 27, 28—Wilkes Tournament	
Jan. 6—Shippensburg S.C.	H
Jan. 13—Millersville S.C.	A
Jan. 20—Rochester I. T.	A
Jan. 29—Lock Haven S.C.	A
Jan. 31—East Stroudsburg S.C.	H
Feb. 7—Lincoln University	A
Feb. 9—Waynesburg College	H
Feb. 17—Appalachian S.C.	A
Feb. 21—West Chester S.C.	A
Mar. 2, 3—State Meet - Lock Haven	
Mar. 16, 17—N.A.I.A. Tournament - Winona	
Mar. 22, 23, 24—N.C.A.A. - Oklahoma State	
Starting Time	
Junior Varsity - 6:30 p.m.	
Varsity - 8:00 p.m.	



Kneeling:

Joel Melitski, 115 lbs.
 Ed Taylor, 130 lbs.
 Bill Paule, 147 lbs.
 Gene Dixon, 167 lbs.
 Bill Garson, 191 lbs.

Standing:

Coach Mike Flanagan
 Bill Hughes, 123 lbs.
 Dick Scorese, 137 lbs.
 Dave Stuempfle, 157 lbs.
 Don Poust, 177 lbs.
 Howard Hunter, Unlimited
 Coach Russ Houk

BLOOMSBURG STATE COLLEGE WRESTLING SQUAD

Name	Age	Wt.	Class	High School	Hometown
Thomas Boyer	18	137	Fr.	Hughesville	Hughesville
Stanley Derr	18	191	Fr.	Mechanicsburg	Mechanicsburg
*Gene Dixon	20	167	Jr.	Philipsburg	Philipsburg
William Dixon	22	177	Jr.	Philipsburg	Philipsburg
Barry Evan	19	137	So.	Leke Lehman Jt. Area *	Harvey's Lake
Gerald Fortney	19	123	So.	Forty Fort	Forty Fort
*William Garson	20	191	Jr.	Williamsport	Williamsport
*Thomas Gorant	21	137	Sr.	Shamokin	Shamokin
*Robert Hall	20	177	Jr.	E. Lycoming Jt.	Hughesville
Jonathan Hildebrandt	18	167	Fr.	DuBois	Hershey
Charles Houk	18	130	Fr.	New Castle	Ellwood City
*William Hughes	20	123	Jr.	Muncy	Muncy
Howard Hunter	18	UN	So.	DuBois	DuBois
Lee Jackson	20	130	Jr.	Bensalem Twp.	Andalusia
*Joel Melitski	19	123	So.	Scrumville	Somerville, N.J.
William Paule	18	147	Fr.	Holidaysburg	Holidaysburg
Robert Pierce	18	147	Fr.	Bellefonte Area Jt.	Bellefonte
*Donald Poust	22	177	Jr.	Muncy	Muncy
William Puglia	18	157	Fr.	Bristol	Bristol
John Owen	19	157	So.	SLV Joint	Wellsburg, N.Y.
Salvatore Randello	18	130	Fr.	Williamsport	Williamsport
Carmine Rossi	21	123	So.	Roxbury	Port Morris
*Richard Scorese	25	137	So.	Springfield Regional	Kenilworth, N.J.
Don Sholley	18	123	Fr.	Port Trevorton	Port Trevorton
*David Stuempfle	19	157	So.	S. Williamsport	S. Williamsport
Edward Taylor	18	130	Fr.	Hughesville	Hughesville
David Weaver	19	123	So.	Lewisburg	Lewisburg
Gerald Wright	21	137	Sr.	Forty Fort	Forty Fort
William Wyland	19	130	So.	Lewistown	Lewistown

*Lettermen

RUSSELL E. HOUK
VARSITY WRESTLING COACH

Russell E. Houk, a native of Ellwood City, and an outstanding coach of high school grapplers, joined the college faculty in September, 1957, as head wrestling coach, assistant football coach, and athletic director. A stellar performer on the Lincoln High School gridiron squad at Ellwood City, Houk also had an outstanding record in both football and wrestling at Lock Haven S.C. He received his Bachelor of Science degree at Lock Haven in May, 1952, and the Master of Science degree at Bucknell University in 1957.

While coaching at both South Williamsport and Muncy High Schools, he had a very successful tenure; several of his charges captured first and second places in State Championship meets. In 1957, his first year as head wrestling coach at BSC, Houk compiled a record of five wins and two losses. The next year, the Huskies won 9 dual meets and lost only 1—to Lock Haven S.C., In addition, they took the first place team championship in the annual Teachers College Championship Tourney. In March, 1960, the Bloomsburg team completed an undefeated season with 10 victories before going on to their second consecutive team championship in the Pennsylvania State College Tournament and first place in the N.A.I.A. Tournament (the first national championship in Bloomsburg's history.) During the 1958-59 and 1959-60 seasons, the Huskies amassed a string of 15 consecutive victories. In 1960, their record was 11-1.



MICHAEL FLANAGAN
ASSISTANT WRESTLING COACH

Mike Flanagan, whose mat squads at Bellefonte H.S. piled up a 35-19 record under his astute guidance, joined the Bloomsburg faculty in January, 1960. He serves the Huskies as an assistant coach in football and wrestling, and is Varsity Track Coach.

A graduate of Clearfield High School, Flanagan served three years as a paratrooper in World War II, received a B.S. degree from Lock Haven S.C., and an M. Ed. degree from Pennsylvania State University. He has a background of ten years experience as teacher, athletic coach, and recreation supervisor, having served as assistant football, assistant wrestling, and head track coach at DuBois H.S. and as assistant football coach at Curwensville High School before going to Bellefonte.